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## **1. The Table.**

Nine-to-One Low Ball is a casino table game designed to be played on a table similar to a Blackjack table. There will be six designated betting areas to accommodate one to six players.

Each betting area will consist of one large square divided into nine small squares to allow players to place a bet on nine different low hands. The low hands range from 9 low or less to 2 low or less, with the final square designated for a one low. Each of the nine squares will be so marked along with the corresponding pay out for each of the nine low hands.

## **2. Placing Bets.**

The Host Casino will establish a basic betting unit for each table. Using one dollar as an example, the players may bet one unit on as many low hands as they choose. However, they must bet the low hands in sequence, starting with the 9 low and proceeding to the 8 low, 7 low, etc.

The minimum bet would be five units which covers the 9, 8, 7, 6 and 5 low betting squares. Players may then bet as many of the remaining squares as they choose (4, 3, 2 and 1). This would create a maximum bet of nine dollars since players are limited to one basic bet per square.

With a two dollar basic bet, the minimum bet would be 10 dollars and the maximum bet is 18 dollars.

With a five dollar basic bet, the minimum bet would be 25 dollars and the maximum would be 45 dollars (five dollars on each square).

## **3. The Deal.**

The game is played with a 53 card deck consisting of a standard 52 card deck of playing cards plus a joker. The joker is the same rank value as an ace which is always counted as a one.

All other cards will count at their rank value from a two up to a king.

Each player will receive a total of four cards being dealt one at a time by the dealer. The dealer receives no hand.

The players strive to receive as many low cards as possible since the value of their low hand is determined by the single highest card they receive, which is the only criteria for determining the low hand. Pairs are of no consequence.

If the highest card is a queen, the hand is a queen low. If it is a six, the hand is a six low.

#### **4. Winning Hands.**

Any hand of 9 low or less (8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1) is a winner and is entitled to receive the pay outs shown in any and all corresponding squares. Example: A player bets all squares and receives a 3 low. The player is entitled to receive the sum total of all pay outs combined for the 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 lows. The one low and two low would be losers and the House would collect the two bets.

If the player makes a 9 low, the House would pay off the one bet and collect all other losing bets.

It is suggested the dealer pick up all losing bets first and then pay off all winners.

The single payoff for all winning hands is at the top of each of the nine squares. The combined total payoff is shown at the bottom of each square.

#### **5. Large Payoffs.**

It is suggested the House escrow all bets collected from the one low and two low squares in order to establish a cash reserve pool to pay off any winners on these two bets. Once the reserve reaches a level high enough to pay off these bets for a one low, then it could simply be maintained at that level by replenishing it after each large payoff for either square.

FIG. 1: PLAYER LAYOUT



10,000 TO 1 <b>1</b> LOW 12,594	2,000 TO 1 <b>2</b> LOW OR LESS 2,594	390 TO 1 <b>3</b> LOW OR LESS 594
117 TO 1 <b>4</b> LOW OR LESS 204	46 TO 1 <b>5</b> LOW OR LESS 87	21 TO 1 <b>6</b> LOW OR LESS 41
11 TO 1 <b>7</b> LOW OR LESS 20	6 TO 1 <b>8</b> LOW OR LESS 9	3 TO 1 <b>9</b> LOW OR LESS 3